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**Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation***  
**(IB Docket No. 00-91),**  
***Availability of INTELSAT Space Segment Capacity to Users and Service***  
***Providers Seeking to Access INTELSAT Directly***

Dear Ms. Salas:

By its undersigned attorney, COMSAT Corporation ("COMSAT") hereby submits for filing in the above-referenced proceedings this notice of a written presentation submitted to Mr. Douglas E. Webbink of the International Bureau on August 23, 2000. The written presentation updates Figure 1 of COMSAT's Comments, filed June 23, 2000 and revised on June 28, 2000.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a) of the Commission's rules, two complete copies of this notification are enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding. Additional copies are being furnished under separate cover to the above-named Commission personnel, as well as to Mr. James L. Ball, Mr. Steven Spaeth, and Mr. Thomas S. Tycz of the International Bureau.

Please date-stamp the attached duplicate upon receipt and return it via messenger for our records. If any questions arise concerning this matter, kindly contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: James L. Ball, Thomas S. Tycz, Steven Spaeth, Douglas E. Webbink, Keith H. Fagan,  
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Dear Mr. Webbink:

In its initial Comments in the above-referenced proceeding, filed on June 23, 2000 and revised on June 28, 2000, COMSAT Corporation ("COMSAT") included a Figure 1 entitled "Direct Access Usage Is Increasing Rapidly." That figure and the accompanying text were based on information from INTELSAT on U.S. direct access usage through April 30, 2000, which at that time was the most current data available.

COMSAT now has additional data from INTELSAT reflecting U.S. direct access usage through July 31, 2000. That data is shown in the attached revised Figure 1. As indicated therein, direct access usage has continued to increase in the months of May, June and July, both for Bulk Capacity and Standardized Circuits. This is further evidence that customers do have "sufficient opportunity," within the meaning of Section 641(b) of the ORBIT Act, to obtain INTELSAT capacity on a direct access basis.

COMSAT respectfully requests that the attached revised Figure 1 be made part of the record in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

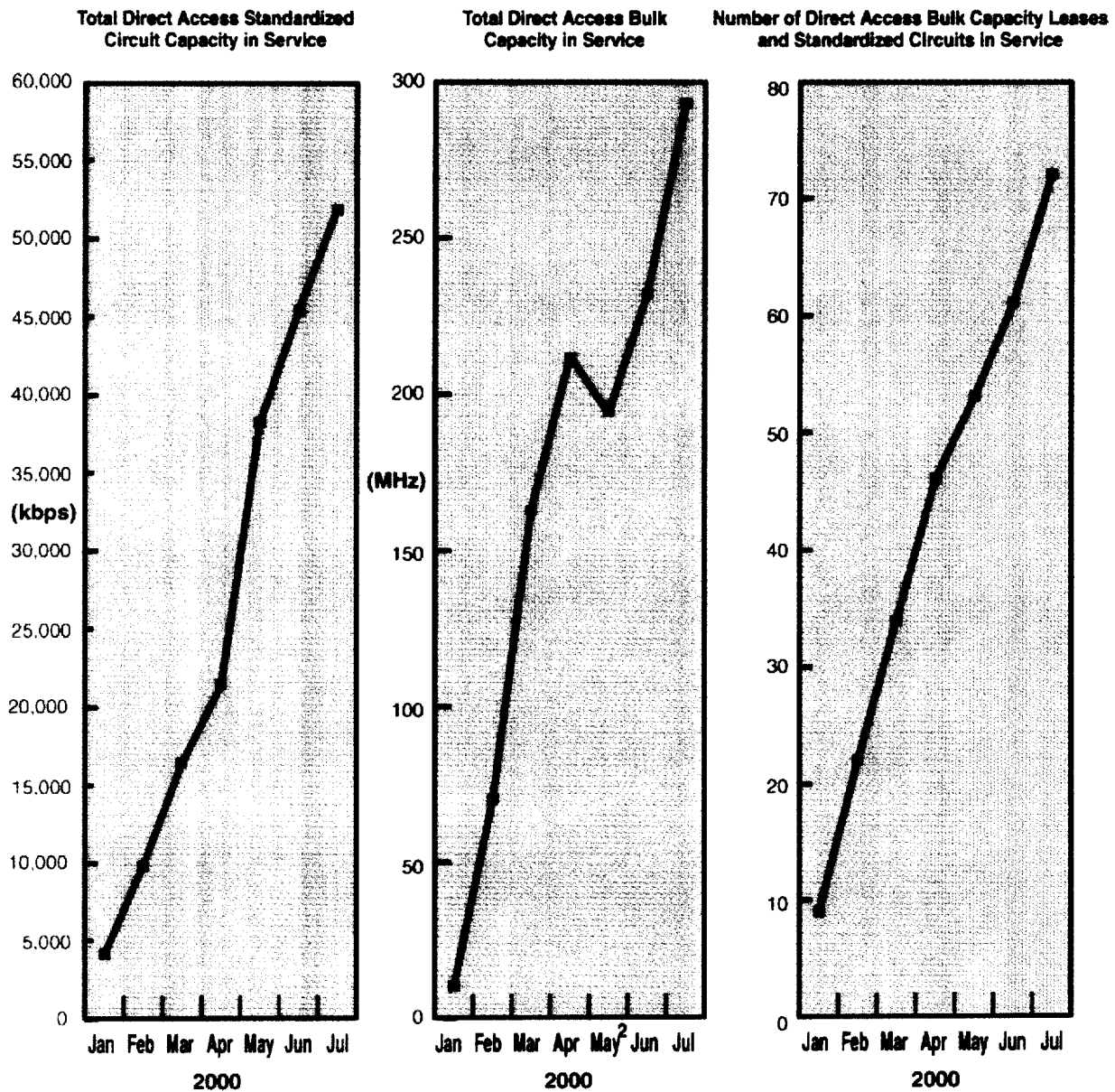
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Attachment

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**FIGURE 1**  
**DIRECT ACCESS USAGE IS INCREASING RAPIDLY<sup>1</sup>**



<sup>1</sup> These numbers reflect non-occasional use data only. Since direct access began, INTELSAT has supplied almost 19,000 minutes of occasional use video transmissions to direct access users. Over 9,000 of those minutes were supplied in the three month period from May 1, 2000 through July 31, 2000.

<sup>2</sup> While the *total number* of direct access bulk capacity leases grew from April to May, direct access users' *percentage* of participation was lower in May. Lease participants are free to vary their participation in a lease on a monthly basis.